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## NILES BRICK CO NEGOTIATING SALE

California Pottery Co. Makes Offer of \$60,000 For the Property.

CHANGES TO COST \$20,000

The Deal May be Completed at a Meeting to be Held in Oakland Some Time Tomorrow Afternoon.

Preliminary steps have been taken whereby the Niles Brick plant located in Niles canyon shall change hands and enter into active operation. If the tender of the California Pottery company is accepted it means the employment of quite a number of men and the investment of a large amount of capital in Washington township.

Friday morning the bondholders of the Niles Brick plant located in Niles canyon met in Niles to consider two propositions. The committee of bondholders had been instructed to meet whenever a proposal or suggestion should be brought before them. Dr. Charles Gross of Oakland acted as chairman of the meeting, which was held in Conner's hall.

At this meeting two propositions were submitted. One dealt with a plan of re-organization under a guarantee of 10 per cent on the valuation of \$50,000, by Mr. Holloway, formerly in charge of the plant of the California Brick company at Decoto, but lately of the Livermore Brick Company.

The second proposition submitted was for the outright purchase of the holdings of the company. The consideration offered was \$60,000, payable in ten yearly payments of \$6,000.

The proposition was submitted by Costello & Pritchard, of the California Pottery Company at Oakland. It is understood that the latter firm has outgrown its present quarters and wishes to enlarge its plant. They offered to guarantee the expenditure of \$20,000 in improvements on the Niles Canyon plant within ninety days. This firm manufactures sewer pipe.

Although the greater part of the bonds issued were represented at the meeting, no definite action was taken, but a committee was appointed to meet in Oakland Saturday to discuss the propositions. The committee consisted of W. M. Cutner of Warm Springs, A. S. Jones of Hayward, Dr. Charles Gross of Oakland, H. E. Cox of San Francisco, H. H. Moke of Santa Rosa.

The committee met Saturday, but no action was taken, the meeting adjourning until tomorrow.

Among the persons interested in the matter it is believed that the plan of outright purchase of the plant will be accepted. It has been pointed out that quite a bit of necessary legal action will have to be taken before this can be accomplished, but the intending purchasers are anxious to begin work as soon as possible.

### Niles Chamber to Meet Tuesday.

At the next meeting of the Niles Chamber of Commerce there will be nomination of officers to be elected at the following meeting. The next meeting will take place next Tuesday night. The night of election will be March 2.

### WATER KICK AGAIN

Niles Citizens Complain About Lack of Water on Stormy Nights.

Much adverse criticism has been made during the past week about the service furnished the people of Niles and vicinity by the Citizen's Water Company. It appears that when the storm causes the electric power to go off the water is also cut off. This it is pointed out leaves the entire town without water pressure until electric repairs are made.

Such action, it is stated, would prove disastrous should a fire get a start in one of the business blocks of town.

Some time ago similar complaint was made, and the protest against the condition was so emphatic that there

was considerable talk of taking the matter up with the Niles Chamber of Commerce with the end in view of having some action taken by that body to alleviate conditions, but what "is everybody's business is nobody's business" and the matter has been allowed to lapse.

### INDICTED FOR FRAUDS

Grand Jury Brings True Bill—Bail Fixed at \$10,000.

George Lynch, former chauffeur for Supervisor Joseph M. Kelly and at the present time employed in Kelly's laundry, who was arrested Tuesday night upon an indictment returned by the grand jury late in the afternoon on a charge of assisting in voting absentees, was released from the county jail yesterday on bonds and cash bail furnished by Kelly and by Al White, proprietor of a Broadway saloon and billiard parlor.

The indictments against Lynch include four true bills and Superior Judge Waste fixed bail at \$2500 on each count, making \$10,000 in all.

Lynch is charged with having assisted in voting absentees during the primary election in precinct No. 37, where F. S. Beach, now awaiting sentence upon his conviction of election frauds, served as an election officer.

Lynch drove an automobile on election day and assisted in taking voters to the polls. It is rumored that Beach has, in telling his story, implicated Lynch as having directed the voting of absentees.

It was rumored at the court house yesterday that other indictments and arrests are likely to follow.

### CHILD PICKS UP LIVE WIRE

Little Girl Loses Arm as Result of Contact with Electric Wire.

Five year old Alice Figuero, daughter of John Figuero, a Niles farmer, narrowly escaped electrocution on the Dublin road near Vastro Valley, shortly after noon.

While the child was playing with a telephone wire which had been crossed with a high tension electric power wire and dropped to the ground. At the county hospital, where the child was rushed after the accident it was found necessary to amputate both arms at the shoulders.

### Valentine Social.

The Mens League of the Niles Congregational church will have a Valentine party at the church parlors Friday night, February 12, in lieu of the reception to the pastor. There will be no impromptu entertainment. Refreshments will be served.

### DEATH OF LOUISA OLIVER

Popular Young Woman Passes Away at Her Home in Auburn

"Miss Louisa Oliver, sister of John Oliver, Niles garageman, died at her home in Auburn February 3. The funeral took place from Corpus Christi church, Niles last Sunday, where Rev. John A. Leal held requiem high mass for the repose of her soul. Interment took place at the cemetery in Centerville.

Deceased was 26 years old. Besides her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oliver of Niles, she leaves to mourn her death, five sisters, Mrs. Annie King, Miss Rosie Oliver, Mrs. Mary Pine of Niles; Mrs. Constance Catello of Hayward and Mrs. I. Rustler of San Jose; and two brothers, Joseph Jr., and John Oliver of Niles.

The young lady was well known in Niles and vicinity where she has visited on numerous occasions and the large attendance at her funeral attested to the esteem in which she was held by her friends and acquaintances.

### ASH WEDNESDAY FEB. 17.

Corpus Christi Church Will Hold Services at 10:30 a. m.

Wednesday next being Ash Wednesday, Rev. Father John A. Leal will conduct the services of the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at the 10:30 a. m. mass.

During Lent, which occupies the next 40 days following Ash Wednesday and preceding Good Friday, Father Leal will conduct services Wednesday and Friday evenings at Niles and Thursday evenings at the Catholic church at Decoto.

## ELECTION DATE TO BE DISCUSSED

Public Invited to Meet With Board On Second Wednesday In March.

### BOARD TO AID WOMEN

Cannot Go Into Garbage Removal Business But Will Use Influence Toward Better Conditions in Sanitation.

The most important thing done by the Niles Sanitary Board at its meeting last night was to set its next meeting day, the second Wednesday in March as the date for discussing the question of holding an election for bonds to provide a sewer district for Niles.

This action was decided upon after an earnest debate by the members present upon the obligation of the Board to perform the duties for which they were chosen. The consensus of opinion was that the time was ripe for a discussion of sewer bonds, and that the public should be allowed to express its opinion on the question.

On motion duly carried it was ordered that the special order of business of the next meeting would be such a discussion.

George MacRae was the instigator of the movement. MacRae made an earnest talk on the subject, in which he showed the necessity for such an action, and the permanent good that would accrue to the town by such a system.

MacRae brought up the subject of garbage disposal. This subject has been in the hands of a committee of the Niles Woman's club for some time, and the ladies have been very

active in their efforts to improve the sanitary conditions of the town.

While the Sanitary Board was of the opinion that it could not legally go into the garbage removal business, it would give the ladies its moral support by passing such sanitary rules and regulations as the law permits and instructing the sanitary inspector to enforce them. This it was pointed out, would have the effect of making all persons remove garbage when it became offensive, whether they wanted to or not, and would place upon the sanitary inspector the duty of swearing out warrants and prosecuting violations of the laws.

The Woman's Club, according to Mr. MacRae, has made tentative plans with a number of families whereby for a small monthly sum a man would collect garbage and cart it away. The only objection to their plans so far has been to secure a suitable place to deposit the refuse. Mr. Ellsworth's offer, it was pointed out, will remove this obstacle.

A committee consisting of Messrs. MacRae and Silva were appointed to draft rules and regulations in a sanitary line, also to define clearly the duties of the sanitary inspectors and

## Will Talk Over Sewer Bonds

Wednesday, March 10 at 8 o'clock p. m. in the Chamber Rooms at the Niles Fire House has been set as the time and place, by the Niles Sanitary Board for an open discussion of the question of calling a bond election for the purpose of installing a sewer system in the Niles Sanitary District.

Believing that such a system should be installed at the earliest possible date the Sanitary Board has decided to put the question up to the citizens of the district, and at the meeting on March 10, all present will be given an opportunity to express their opinions on either side of the question.

As it is only by such an expression that the wants of the people can be known, it is the desire of those interested that a large and representative gathering be present.

his salary and present them at the next meeting of the board for consideration.

Other questions brought up were the compensation of the assessor for the district. This sum was set for \$20 for the first year.

Bills were approved and ordered paid to the amount of \$93.75.

A resolution changing the date of meeting from the first Wednesday night to the second Wednesday night at the same place and hour was adopted.

The attorney of the board came in for quite a roasting at the hands of the members, on account of his evident carelessness in handling matters presented to him.

The members present were M. B. Sneden (chairman), W. B. Clarke, J. B. Barnard and George MacRae. M. J. Silva, the other member of the board was absent.

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# COUNTY AND STATE NEWS

## BOND ELECTION SET FOR MAR. 23

Pressure From the Mercantile People of Oakland Turn the Tide of Opposition.

### FOSS SWITCHES HIS VOTE

Murphy Stands by His Convictions and the Only Member of the Board of Supervisors Not to Go Over.

As a result of Frank Foss' switch from the columns of the anti-election forces of the Board of Supervisors at last Monday's meeting, the people of Alameda county will have an opportunity to pass judgment on the matter of keeping the promise of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce to the effect that a million dollars would be given to help the Panama-Pacific exposition. Heretofore there has always been a solid majority against the proposition with Johnny Mullins from West Oakland sitting on the fence ready to fall whichever way victory seemed to point.

Because of the firm stand heretofore of the board there was recently started an initiative petition looking forward to forcing the supervisors to call an election. This movement evidently had the desired effect on all the members of the board with the single exception of Chairman D. J. Murphy of this district, who voiced his opposition and voted against the resolution setting the date of the election for March 23 to the last.

There were present in the lobby of the board room Arthur Arlett, Adolph Ruhl, W. W. Garthwaite, J. F. Carlston, Walter Leimert, F. B. Malden, John Tisch and M. H. Ehberg as a committee favoring the calling of the election and the opposition was represented at the meeting by John Aubrey Ruhl, who had the talk in favor of calling the election.

Mr. Ruhl said in part: "The board of supervisors is not necessary to the commerce of the county. There is no difference of opinion. We are one community—San Francisco and this side of the bay. The Exposition directors in planning the buildings took into consideration our pledge. There is merit in your contention that the past election is an argument against this. But the people did not realize what the issue was. Is it not better that we stand with San Francisco and participate in this work?"

"There must be another issue. There is taxation. But this is a State project and not a San Francisco plan. Some people thought the city of Oakland made this pledge and we should pay. The reputation of this county is at stake. It has a moral obligation. Silence at the time ratified the pledge. The Exposition banked on our aid. After all, it's our Exposition. I will always feel part of the shame if we do not keep our pledge.

Popular Measure.

"I handle 2000 people a week," said John Tisch, Sr., "and I know how the voters feel. I am for this issue first, last and all the time. In don't need information on it. The word has been sent out that we will furnish a billion dollars for the fair. We were glad when we learned that the fair was coming here. It is a big thing for the whole Pacific Coast.

"You have been elected by the people. You are here to represent everyone. The election will be called anyhow, and I say you cannot make a mistake by calling this election."

"I have worked two years in an intimate way for the exposition," said Arthur Arlett. "I never feel that the 'million dollar telegram' was binding. But outside of that, we should be a great partner in the Exposition. I feel that the citizens should have the opportunity to vote on the matter as a clear cut issue. We are direct beneficiaries of the Exposition, and so should aid it. We may not be bound by any men's foolishness or whatever else you choose to call it. I know we have already paid a large sum, but so have the other counties. This is an additional obligation."

"I think Mr. Arlett has struck the keynote," said W. W. Garthwaite. "This is not a question of who made the pledge. No one can accept a benefit and not pay for it, it is up to this

county to pay. We are reaping great profit."

John Aubrey Jones asked permission to speak.

"By no official action has any pledge been made," he declared. "The official action was in the past election when the enabling act was passed. The statewide vote was affirmative and ours negative."

Supervisor Kelly, who has all along been in favor of allowing the people the right to decide the question, opened the discussion. He said he felt that it was the duty of the board to allow the citizens of the county the right to pass upon the matter. Kelly urged his fellow members to consider that Alameda county is already being censured for allowing the impression to get out that it was going to "fall down" on the pledged word of its representatives.

Supervisor Mullins said he had been investigating the matter and felt that it is the right of the people to decide whether or not they want the election. Supervisor Fred Foss, who had heretofore declared against the election, was the balance of power Monday, and cast his lot with the popular side. He said that most of the people in his district are in favor of the bonds, and as representative of them, he felt that he should carry out their wishes.

He seconded the resolution setting the date of the election, stating that he personally favored calling the election, but has a supervisor had voted against it because of the attitude of his constituency. This left Murphy as the only member of the board who remained consistent in his opposition.

## S. P. FREIGHT ROBBED UNDER NOSES OF THREE DETECTIVES

Boxcar Broached While Under Way and Thieves Get Away.

Southern Pacific train No. 254, an east-bound freight, was robbed somewhere between Niles and Altamont on last Sunday morning and a considerable quantity of canned and bottled groceries and a number of pairs of shoes were taken. The wasteful intruders emptied several sacks of rice in order to secure sacks in which to carry off their plunder.

The boxcar was examined at Niles and found intact. When another examination was made at Altamont it was found that one car containing mixed merchandise consigned to merchants in the upper Sacramento Valley had been plundered.

The officers of the valley towns were notified and a number of suspects were gathered in Sunday. Two hobos were arrested in the jungle near Livermore, one of them the redoubtable "Blacky" Rogers, who was so much in demand at the time of the tankhouse murder last August, but who was relieved of suspicion by the confession of Emmett Coll, the real murderer. No evidence was found to implicate the suspects, but they were sent to the county jail for 30 days as vagrants.

The railroad officers and the peace officers are still searching for the bold car thieves but they have left no traces and will be difficult to locate—Livermore Herald.

## Murderer Reprieved.

Fernando Mammallo, convicted of having slain A. Smith, a store-keeper of Sunol, and who was sentenced to be hanged at San Quentin on February 19, was granted a reprieve by Governor Hiram Johnson last week, until May 21. This is the second time executive clemency has been granted in Smith's case.

## LEGISLATORS ORGANIZE

Effected Organization Last Saturday and to Meet Again February 26.

A meeting of the legislators of Alameda county was held last Saturday in the Security Bank building in Oakland and organization was perfected.

Senator Edward Tyrrell was elected as chairman and Assemblyman George Gelder was chosen secretary. Other than perfecting organization no business was transacted.

The delegation will meet again at 10 a. m., February 26th, in the rooms of the Board of Supervisors.

All persons interested in any legislation have been asked to appear before the members and explain their measures. Those county officers who have any matters to lay before the delegation are also requested to attend the meeting. The session will be open to the public.

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## SAN LEANDRO WANTS PORK

Wants Eden Township Divided So She Can Appoint Officers.

The agitation in San Leandro to divide Eden township divided with San Leandro as the center of one section to be known as San Leandro township, may result in the matter being placed before the board of supervisors. According to District Attorney W. H. L. Hyatt, the dividing of the township is entirely within the jurisdiction of the board of supervisors.

Many in San Leandro favor the proposed division, which would make that place the center of one township, and Hayward the center of the other. The main reason for such a division, point out those in favor, is that it would give San Leandro and the rest of the new township an opportunity of appointing their own public officials, practically all the men in public office in Eden township are from Hayward.

The division of townships, according to the district attorney is covered by Section 4015 of the Political Code and gives the board of supervisors the power to form as many townships as public convenience shall require. The section is as follows:

"Supervisors shall divide county into townships.

"4015. The board of supervisors of each county, as public convenience may require, shall divide their respective counties into townships for the purposes of electing justices of the peace and constables; provided, however, that in the establishment of towns that may hereafter be established no incorporated city shall be divided so as to lie partly within one town.

It's the iron grip of poverty that makes a man's clothes look rusty.

## CHINESE TOOL OF VICE TRUST MAY BE DEPORTED FOR PAINS

Immigration Authorities After Woo Sam, Who Tested Red-Light Law.

Woo Sam, one of the wealthiest Chinese residents of San Francisco, who was arrested by the immigration authorities as an alleged undesirable alien, following his confessed ownership of an illegal resort, was released on \$500 cash bail Monday morning. His case has been referred to Commissioner General of Immigration Anthony Comstock at Washington.

The police and prevent them from closing his resort. The case was subsequently dismissed by a special court.

The immigration authorities stepped in and declared that as Woo Sam was admittedly deriving money illegally and unlawfully, he was an undesirable alien.

## BOYS TO RAISE PIGS

High School Lads to Join Hog Raising Contest Under Direction of Experts.

A boys' agricultural club has been organized at the Cretneville high school under the direction of Professor C. E. Cowan, the new professor in science and agriculture.

Ronald Hunt has been selected as the first president of the new organization, while Charles Wauhah will act as vice-president and J. Kenneth Hawley as secretary.

Farm Adviser W. H. Nixon will act in an advisory capacity to the boys.

The boys' club is one of a system of clubs organized in the different high schools under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture and the State University Agricultural Bureau at Berkeley.

The Centerville boys will begin a hog raising contest at once. Each boy entering the contest will secure a young pig and raise it for the market.

Time, pasturage and other elements in cost will be taken into consideration when the judges award the prize.

The contest is expected to close about the first of July. The exact date is to be decided by the boys themselves.

## Divorces While You Wait.

Nevada Repeals Its Law and Returns to Bargain-Counter Regulation.

The one subject of general conversation last Friday throughout Reno was the overwhelming majority given the short time divorce bill in the Assembly. Telegrams poured in seeking confirmation of reports.

The bill went to the Senate committee but could not be reported until the end of this week.

The bill has since passed the Senate and will be signed by the governor this week to become effectively immediate.

## ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

ALAMEDA SUGAR COMPANY—Location of principal place of business, Room 605 Alaska Commercial Building, San Francisco, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 28th day of January, 1915, an assessment of Two and 50-100 (\$2.50) Dollars per share was levied upon the Capital Stock of the corporation, payable immediately to George E. Springer, the Secretary of said Corporation, at the office thereof, at Room 605, Alaska Commercial Building, 310 Sansome street, in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the twenty-seventh day of March, 1915, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1915, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors. GEO. E. SPRINGER, Secretary Alameda Sugar Company. Office, Room 605 Alaska Commercial Building, Northeast corner of California and Sansome streets, San Francisco, California. 2-4-3-25.

## NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

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GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Dated Oakland, Cal., Feb. 1, 1915. 2-4-2-18.

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In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda.

In the matter of the estate of Rufus Duarte, deceased.

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them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos Jr., at Centerville, Alameda county, California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Rufus Duarte, deceased.

MANUEL S. DUARTE, Administrator of the estate of Rufus Duarte, deceased. Dated, February 4, 1915. JNO. G. MATTOS JR., Attorney for Administrator, Centerville, Cal. First publication, February 4, 1915. 2-4-3-4.

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MARIA GARCIA, Executrix of the last will and testament of Antonio G. Garcia, deceased. Dated, January 26, 1915. JNO. G. MATTOS, JR., Attorney for estate, Centerville, Cal. First publication, January 28, 1915. 2-25.

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Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 15th day of February, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Albert Silva to obtain a renewal of a license for the sale of liquor at Decoto, in Decoto Election Precinct. . . .

GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Dated, Oakland, Cal., Jan. 25, 1915. 2-11.

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## PORTUGAL'S EXHIBIT.

Decorative Materials of High Art Character To Adorn Building.

Portugal's contribution to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition will constitute one of the most artistic and, in other respects, one of the most interesting displays to be found in the entire exposition.

The materials for the exterior decoration of the Portuguese buildings have already been received and are now being applied to the structure, while shipments of exhibits are now en route from Lisbon.

The building is in the Manuelino style of architecture, the decorations have been prepared in Lisbon under the direction of one of the country's most prominent architects. Within the building will be epitomized the principal industries of the country, while more extensive displays will be made in the several exhibit palaces.

A complete exhibit of the finer Portuguese wines and dried fruits will be one of the features of the display, while the country's artistic achievements in oil and marble will be on view in the Palace of Fine Arts.

A rich collection of Portuguese embroideries and laces will also be on exhibition, representing particularly the handiwork of the people of the Madeira and Azores Islands.

The construction of the building and the installation of the exhibits is under the direction of A. D. Duffner, executive commissioner of Portugal, now resident in San Francisco.

## STATES TO CO-OPERATE

Oregon and Washington to Regulate Fishing Industry.

After holding sessions almost continuously from Saturday morning until after midnight a joint committee of the Oregon and Washington legislatures completed a draft of a bill for presentation to both bodies of lawmakers, having for its object uniform regulation of the Columbia river salmon fishing industry. A graduated license tax was worked out by the joint committee that would increase the license on all gear, seine, traps and nets and practically double licenses required of salmon cannerymen, the tax being based upon the output each year.

## Wants Wheat Gambling Stopped

President Wilson has received a telegram from John J. Dillon, commissioner of foods and markets of New York asking that he recommend to congress

the "gaming" of wheat. Good products. Speculation in future deliveries of grain, Mr. Dillon said, had caused recent increases in the price of flour, which would soon result in the price of bread being raised.

## ENTERPRISE REWARDED.

George O. Darrow Selected as town ship Agent for Lowney's Candies.

As an evidence of the expected prosperity due Washington township during the coming season, the Lowney Chocolate company have selected one of the most progressive and wide-awake merchants of the township to push their goods.

G. O. Darrow, baker and merchant of Niles is the man who has been selected to act as sole agent of the company for the entire township.

This selection was made after one of the chocolate company's special agents had made a personal canvass of pany for the entire township. His reputation as a pusher insures the Lowney goods success.

Mr. Darrow has been furnished with a large decorative advertising stand shaped like a horseshoe, in the front of which is a facsimile of a plate of Lowney's chocolates, and in the background, the face of an extremely attractive young woman is seen, displaying a smile that catches the masculine eye, as she poses a piece of the delicious confection before her ruby lips.

Mr. Darrow has mounted this beautiful arrangement on the top of his electric piano, and by the addition of an electric light which automatically operates so as to illuminate the stand whenever the piano is operated, the entire display is one that invariably creates favorable comment by all who see it.

## Must Make Trains.

Oakland jitney buses running down Broadway must terminate their runs at First street instead of Seventh street, hereafter, according to a ruling proposed by Chief of Police Walter J. Petersen and ratified by the city council last Tuesday. The action was taken to relieve congestion at Seventh street.

This will prove quite a convenience to out-of-town passengers on trains who often have to wait from ten to twenty minutes for street cars.

## NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.

Forty-Two New Books Added to the Shelves at Niles Library.

The following list of books was received by the Niles Branch of the County Library last week.

"Little Eve Edgerton," Abbott.  
"Boys of Eastmarsh," Ames.  
"Arms and Industry," Angell.  
"Eben Holden," Bacheller.  
"Captain Chub," Barbour.  
"Crimson Sweater," Barbour.  
"Roger Paulding, Ensign," Beach.  
"Old Wives' Tales," Bennett.  
"Seething Pot," Birmingham.  
"The Job, the Man, the Boss," Blackford and Newcomb.  
"Turbulent Duchess," Brebner.  
"In the Days of Giants," Brown.  
"Pied Piper of Hamelin," Browning.  
"Boy Scouts on Swift River," Burgess.

"Mother West Wind's Animal Friends," Burgess.

"Mother West Wind's Children," Burgess.

"Wonderful Romance," Coulevain.

"Buttered Side Down," Ferber.

"Sealed Valley," Footner.

"Chats On Old Miniatures," Foster.

"Lone Star Ranger," Grey.

"Bye-ways," Hichens.

"Just Around the Corner," Hurst.

"Joel," Johnston.

"Flame of Frost," Jones.

"Butterflies and Moths Shown to the Children," Kelman.

"Capatins Courageous," Kipling.

"Martha and Cupid," Lippman.

"French Life in Town and Country," Lynch.

"City of Numbered Days," Lynde.

"Mr. Crex of Monte Carlo," Oppenheim.

"Books of Buried Treasure," Paine.

"Twenty-fourth of June," Richmond.

"Mixed Grill," Ridge.

"Amazing Adventures of Letitia Carberry," Rinehart.

"Queen's Museum," Stockton.

"Children of Banishment," Sullivan.

"Presidential Addresses," Taft.

"Tales Come True and Tales Made New," Walker.

"Marjorie at Secaote," Wells.

"Marjorie in Command," Wells.

"Marjorie's Maytime," Wells.

Says Mrs. E. M. Nichols, librarian:

"All the new books were drawn out within forty-eight hours after having been put on the shelves. We need more new books, but are unable to get them until the library secures larger quarters."

## SHIPPING OUR EXHIBIT

Plants From Washington

Are Feature of the

The Alameda County Exposition commission began shipments of the articles which will comprise this county's exhibits at the Panama-Pacific exposition on Tuesday. The exhibit is under the direction of Secretary Paul Goldsmith. Everything is in readiness and the Alameda county exhibits will open with the opening of the fair.

The exhibits comprise every known industry, all manufactured on this side of the bay. The agricultural exhibits also will be of unusual interest. One of the features of the exhibits will be palms and plants of various kinds from the California Nursery at Niles, and a floral exhibit rivaling those of Southern California.

## Must Pay Back Poll Tax.

Those who delayed paying the 1914 poll taxes in the hope that the adoption of the anti-poll tax measure at the November election would save them money will suffer by their action, according to a decision which Attorney General U. S. Webb has given the State Board of Equalization. Webb holds that the people by their November vote meant to do away with future head taxes and did not concern themselves with those head taxes which were due and in the process of collection. Hence the 1914 tax will have to be paid with accumulated penalties.

## Poker Players Lose.

In an endeavor to find the amount of plowing left undone at the time of the recent heavy rains, a representative of The Press hunted up Farm Adviser W. H. Nixon for his opinion. Says this authority:

"The farmers who have stayed on the job have nearly all their plowing done; those who like to enjoy an occasional game of pedro have about 50 to 60 per cent done, while those who are earnest devotees of the game of poker have not more than 20 per cent done."

Nixon declined to give the names of any of the farmers in this locality who were 80 per cent behind in their plowing.

## Frank Mortimer in Niles.

Frank Mortimer, owner of the Mortimer tract, Niles, now a resident of Seattle, has been a Niles business visitor this week. Mr. Mortimer expects to be here several days.

## WANT THE WHOLE THING

Railroads Refuse to Give Up Yard Space to Private Cars.

An editorial in the Evening Wisconsin criticizes the ruling that private railroad cars shall not be parked in either of the California exposition cities during 1915. It seems to take the view that such regulation is the opposite of genuine hospitality, and a hint that tourists who are able to travel in luxury are not to be welcomed. Another happy thought is that the hotels are at the bottom of the plan. Nor is he rule forbidding eating and sleeping in special trains within fifty miles of either of the cities mention, as well as Los Angeles and Oakland, looked upon with anything resembling favor. One might infer that the indignant editor has determined not to let his private Pullman nose into an area of hospitality.

Needless to say the editor is just as wrong as possible, that he has failed utterly to catch the idea. A sufficient reason for the order would lie in the fact that every railroad yard where the parking of these cars permitted would be so crowded as to make ordinary traffic out of the question. Yard masters would succumb to brain fag. Trains could not be made up. The United States mail would require to be packed in by hand. The hidden products of the citrus belt would rot or wither in the warehouse on the ranch. The expositions would not devoid of a business element are for pleasure and in this humdrum world, pleasure must wait on business.

Parked cars and trains used as stationary places of residence would be unsanitary. Living in a car as it speeds across the continent is no bad experience, but living in it in a city is quite another thing and the difference ought to be recognized at a glance. Think of hundreds of populous cars crowded into space where there was absolute absence of drainage, and one gets a view opposed to that so feelingly expressed by the Wisconsin editor. Many such cars are coming. Some have arrived. Nobody has yet complained of the hardship of having to desert the berth and the jammed aisles of the diner for the comforts of living in a more normal fashion.

While the railroads will hold private cars conveniently for those who travel in them, they will not hold them for occupancy. The patron may leave his private car, go to a hotel and have his car placed on any train he may select when ready to re-embark.

Arizona Legislator Will Present a \$12 a Week Female Wage Bill.

Mrs. Rachael Berry, the only woman in the lower house of the Arizona legislature, is today preparing a bill making it a misdemeanor to employ any woman for less than \$12 a week. This includes domestic service.

Any less amount, says Mrs. Berry, is inadequate to meet the necessary cost of living and to maintain health and morality. It is expected that Mrs. Berry's measure will pass, establishing what is believed to be the highest minimum wage for women in the United States.

## EX-MILLIONAIRE VAGGED

"Be Sure Your Sins Will Find You Out Proves True Once More.

Colonel William Wayne Belden, once a millionaire in Wall street, stock gambler, last week was sent to the workhouse for soliciting aims on the streets.

In the numerous deals in Erie stock with Gould and Fiske, Belden was so successful that he thought he could down Gould. He was partly responsible for the famous "Black Friday." In the panic he was crushed.

## Dunham Found Twice Again.

Letters from Montana and Texas arrived simultaneously at Governor Johnson's office reporting that J. C. Dunham, fugitive murderer of five persons, could be apprehended in both states.

A reward of \$11,000 was offered for the capture of Dunham sixteen years ago, when he escaped after killing a family in Campbell, Santa Clara county.

The county of Santa Clara has spent \$10,000 in sending officers to various parts of the country to identify men arrested on the suspicion of being Dunham, and Sheriff Langford of that county is accredited with having made the statement that he would not countenance the expenditure of any more of the county's money on wildgoose chases; that if anybody wanted to arrest a suspect they were at liberty to do so, and that when the right man was produced the rewards would be paid.

Just about the time a man succeeds in developing a theory it explodes.

## SERMONETTES

BY

JEREMIAH II  
No. 7—Modern Chivalry.

Chivalry is not dead. Never before in the world's history was it more needed than today. The spirit which prompted heroic living in the Middle Ages is the same spirit that thrills strong men and women of today. Interpreted in terms of modern life it has taken on a new and richer meaning.

What is the spirit of chivalry? What is chivalry?

Chivalry has been defined as "the degrees of military service rendered by knights on horseback during the Middle Ages." This definition is inadequate.

If we were to limit Chivalry to degrees of military service rendered "on horseback" it would cease when a knight, having unhorsed his opponent, dismounted to continue the battle.

If we were to limit it to military service we would exclude as unimportant the vows to which knights were sworn.

If we were to limit it to the acts of "knights" we would thereby deny the Queen of Love and Beauty in the heart of the knight.

Finally, if we were to confine it to the Middle Ages we should thereby assert that that which is true today will be false tomorrow. The spirit of chivalry—in fact, chivalry itself—would not undergo any fundamental change because of the fact that the means through which it found expression were different at different times. Chivalry cannot be limited to the Middle Ages.

If then, Chivalry cannot be defined as "the degrees of military service rendered by knights on horseback during the Middle Ages," what is it? The spirit of Chivalry is that which inspires the unselfish and heroic in any field of human activity at any time. Chivalry is unselfish and heroic living.

Is there a need of chivalry in the world today? Is there need of men who are willing to live unselfishly and heroically?

What are the conditions about us? We are in a period of social readjustment greater than any similar period in the world's history. We are engaged in a struggle for democracy, because we have come to understand that democracy is the only human progress.

We are grasping the economic interdependence of history, and we understand more closely the problems that have confronted us for ages. We understand that ignorance is not the cause of poverty, but its result. We understand that economic dependence of men and women is one of the most important contributing factors to the social evil. We even realize that men and women engaged in a hellish struggle for bare existence have no leisure to think of life, of the kingdom of heaven or earth. Understanding all these things, what are we going to do?

There was never a greater need of Chivalry than there is now. Never before were there greater opportunities for unselfish and heroic living. What were the principles of chivalry in the middle ages. What applications have they in the world today? The virtues of knighthood, as Tennyson described them, are these: Watchfulness, obedience, service, purity, temperance, reverence, faith, hope and love. During the next few weeks an effort will be made to analyze these principles, and to show their practical application today.

Chivalry is not dead. Never before did it play a more important part in life than it does now.

## Phonetic Speller.

One of the dealers in honey at the Portland Ore., public market is entitled to the championship booby prize of the field in spelling. Here are reproductions of placards that the merchant tacked up before his products:

"Thees sukk thiss off hunny with their lrrite outt off swete cloovr blossoms inn Eastern Oregon."

"Paul Hunney. Stikk a teeth plikk rite in d hllp yureself, kno exstra charges yue bie a parr."

## Prohibitionists to Feed.

Prohibitionists of Alameda County will hold their annual banquet on Monday, February 22, at 6:30 p. m., in Odd Fellows Hall, Eleventh and Franklin streets, Oakland. Letters from the governor of 15 prohibition states will be read.

## Shooting Notice.

The undersigned hereby notify the public that they will not allow hunting or shooting on their property or along Alameda Creek adjoining their premises.

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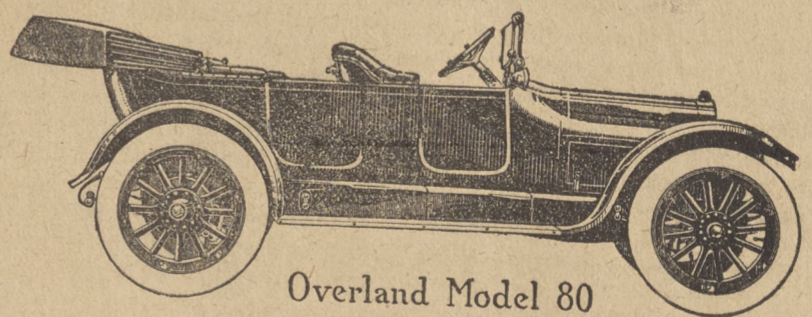
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# TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS

## NEWARK NEWS NOTES

The masquerade dance given by the ladies of Counsel 58 S. P. R. S. I. was quite a success, there being a good attendance. The maskers carried their parts very well. The Newlyweds won first prize, the gypsy and snow second.

The little daughter of Bert Martin was buried last week. Pneumonia was the cause of death. The child was only twenty-one months old. The three-months old child of the same family is also ill, but is now passed all danger.

J. Dutra Sr., who has been quite ill is recovering.

Mrs. Frances Costa is still quite sick, unable to leave her bed.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Serafin Nevis a son.

Mrs. Frances Costa is still unable to leave her bed.

Miss Olive Martin, daughter of John Martin, was married this week.

Miss Lydia Francis and Mrs. Louise McDougall spent Sunday at the home of their parents, Mrs. M. Francis.

Mrs. J. Marshall and small daughter are in town.

## NILES BREVITIES.

Miss Florence Sharpe and Mrs. L. Duffey entertained a number of girl friends Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. G. Faber of Yosemite. Those present were the Misses Edna Biss, Queen MacPherson, Margaret Lynch, Audrey Orpin and Florence Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alberg spent Saturday and Sunday in San Francisco.

Miss Francis Peters was the guest of Mrs. Fred Nelson Saturday.

Mrs. S. Glover entertained a number of friends last Friday in honor of Mrs. Westling.

## An Artistic Gateway.

Considerable favorable comment has been elicited by a piece of cement work that has just been completed by L. A. Nesler of Niles, at the gate of the Los Amigos vineyard on the Mission San Jose-Irvington road. It is of rustic design. While this is the only piece of work in this locality of its kind, Mr. Nesler has devoted the major portion of his time the past fall and

winter to erecting a similar structure character throughout the San Joaquin valley. This demand is proof of both the artistic merit and the worth of Mr. Nesler's work.

## Roll of Honor.

The following pupils of the Niles Grammar school have been placed on the roll of honor this month. In order to receive this distinction it is the requirement that each pupil so listed shall have a percentage of 85 or more in scholarship, attendance must be perfect and the deportment must be excellent, that is at least 95 per cent.

Eighth Grade—Harry Hunt.  
Seventh Grade—Dewey McCarthy, Elta McClelland, Gertrude Keller.  
Sixth Grade—Ione Cahill, Isley Pullen.

Fifth Grade—Mildred Marshall, Pamela Rey.

Fourth Grade—Gordon Oakeshott, Mary Bliss, Isabel Laws, Irene McClelland, Carol Trimmingham.

Third Grade—Lawrence Keller, Helen Bliss, Olive Muegge, Mabel Hale.  
Second Grade—Emily Bernardo, Ralph Pullen.

First Grade—Willie Bliss, Sophie Bertolucci, Edna Destrella, Viola Peterson, Muriel Vorheis.

## A Difference of Opinion.

Editor Washington Press:  
Several citizens of Niles, among them a peace officer, were heard to say the other day that the Sanitary Board had no power to compel property owners to clean their back yards, and stated what they would do to the inspector.

The writer knows they will keep their places clean or suffer the consequences.

## A CLEAN CITIZEN.

(The writer evidently had in mind the fact that any citizen can, under the law for abating nuisances, swear out a warrant and force cleanliness under state and county sanitary laws.—Ed.)

## CENTERVILLE NOTES.

The rain for the storm is as follows: 10, 0.60; total for the month, 3.86 inches; total for the month, 3.86 inches; total for the year, 15.27 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson are spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bunting, Jr.

The St. James guild will meet with Mrs. M. Mowry on Wednesday, February 17.

Mrs. H. Turner spent a few days with old friends this week.

Daffodils have been contracted for the whole crop and automobiles are around collecting as the bright blossoms open.

Mrs. E. Cruthers, who has been spending two weeks with relatives in San Francisco, is expected back this week.

## DON'T LIKE PANAMA PACIFIC BOND ELECTION PROPOSITION

Is Not Afraid of What People Say About Alameda County.

EDITOR WASHINGTON PRESS: A week or so ago you invited subscribers to submit their opinions on matters of interest to the general public. Here-with please find some observations that appear to me to be of interest to every person in Alameda county, particularly those who own property. I may have transgressed your rule of 500 words, but as I am not a good judge of space or availability I leave the pruning process to you. A RANCHER

(We publish the following communication in its entirety, believing that the purpose of our 500-word rule for special communications is best served in the breaking.—Ed.)

A GREAT deal has been said about the "moral obligation of Alameda county" in connection with the bond issue for the Panama-Pacific Exposition—the greater part of which is bunk.

If there be a moral obligation it rests with those who in a moment of more than pardonable enthusiasm promised to use their influence to raise the million dollars; it is not on the conscience of the people who

neither the farmer nor the wage earner should be willing to place himself in the unenviable and undignified position in which the business men find themselves—that of beggars at the door of producers.

The "censure" that has or may fall upon Alameda county for her reluctance to tax herself where doubt exists as to the merits of a proposition is on a par with the argument of our boyhood conveyed in "fraud cat." It is so restricted in utterance on the one hand and scattered over so much ground on the other, that it can't do much harm. The San Francisco dailies started the business of belittling their neighbors and the Oakland papers took up the refrain. A few Oregon papers have echoed the sarcasm; but not one good reason has been given.

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## Notice.

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By no means would we have this offer construed as charity. It is simply a conception of our duty to our fellow men.

## CLASSIFIED ADS.

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LOST—A tie pin containing large amethyst in Centerville. Finder please return to Press office and receive reward.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for rent; rates reasonable. Mrs. Geneva Chase, Second and J. streets, Niles.

## Clements Nearly Recovered.

Roy Clements, director of the Snakeville series at the Essanay studio at Niles, who was seriously injured by a taxicab in Oakland some weeks ago has recovered so as to be able to resume his work at the studio.

## Anderson Gone South.

G. M. Anderson, manager of the Niles Essanay company, departed Sunday for Los Angeles to be present at the opening of the new play, "The Arcadians," in which Mr. Anderson has an interest.

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